



**ACTS  
OF THE**

**HOLY  
SPIRIT**

**Acts 14:1-3; 8-19**

**The Importance of Persistence in  
following the Will of God**

# Objectives of Series:

1. That we ***embrace***, welcome, the 3<sup>rd</sup> person of the Trinity, the HS; that our fears of the HS would be replaced by our friendship with the HS.
2. That we ***become reliant*** upon the power of the HS so that our verbal witness of Jesus might be filled with the HS.
3. That we ***be re-invigorated*** by the HS so that we might be useful for the purposes of the HS, whatever that might be.



Pisidian Antioch

Iconium

Derbe

Antioch

Perga

Lystra

Seleucia

CYPRUS

Salamis

Paphos

Mediterranean Sea

# PAUL'S FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY

AD 44-46

Jerusalem





# 1. What can we learn from Paul about the importance of surrendering our lives to the will of God instead of our own will?

Persistence: Continuing firmly or obstinately in a course of action despite difficulty or opposition:

- Someone who is persistent continues trying to do something, even though it is difficult or other people are against it.




2. The same spiritual forces that hindered Paul's missionary work are at work today.

1. Cyprus – magician – “son of the devil” hindering the proconsul from coming to faith.
2. “Poisoning the minds”
3. “Won the people over” - of those seeking the true Savior. Antioch, Iconium, Lystra.



3. How do we understand the miracle in the text and the role of faith in a miracle?  
What about Paul's response to the acclaim of the people?

1. Purpose – to bear witness to Jesus, 14:3
2. The man had the faith to be healed. Cf Acts 3:6.
3. Miracles are God's doing. Paul's response is a lesson to believers whose spiritual gifts are more public than others. "Glory" is God's alone.



4. Paul and Barnabas were totally dependent upon the HS. Everything was spoken, took place, in the “language” of the listener.

1. First message addressed to adherents of another religion. (Greek mythology)
2. First open-air sermon (not in synagogue).
3. First specific, single, healing by Paul.
4. First message wo mention of Jesus.(??)
5. Only message that resulted in Paul being stoned. 2 Cor 11:25



# Next Steps.

1. Read and journal book of Acts.
2. Memorize these Scriptures:
  - Acts 2:38
  - Acts 3:19-20
  - Acts 5:32
3. What is your heart “after”? Why not change your pursuit to Jesus? His promise is freedom!